

29 September 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Houston

SUBJECT : Uncollectable Receivables

25X1 1. The attached memorandum of 23 September from the DD/S to the Comptroller authorizes the administrative determination regarding uncollectability of amounts due the Agency which amount to \$25.00 or less and removal of such accounts from Agency records. The DD/S further authorizes the Comptroller to redelegate such authority.



STATINTL 3. The only other possible source of authority for DD/S is [redacted] which authorizes DD/S to approve expenditures not otherwise authorized up to the amount of \$2500. None of these authorities specifically authorizes redelegation by the DD/S. Certainly they do not authorize the DD/S to authorize further redelegation by the person whom the DD/S might delegate. It has long been our view here that authority to establish basic policy in the field of Confidential Funds, i.e. establishment of regulations, is the non-delegatable authority of the Director and in consequence the regulation mentioned above and all other regulations dealing with expenditure of Confidential Funds have been signed by the DCI. I query then, as a technical matter, whether there exists any authority for the DD/S to redelegate his write-off authority and further query whether he may authorize a further redelegation. The new regulation on write-offs being worked on in the Office could probably cover this subject in the attached memo.

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